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The isovector giant quadrupole resonance (IVGQR) is not much known yet, except for heavy nuclei. The resonance energy of the IVGQR is expected as $E_R = 130A^{-1/3}$ or $57A^{-1/6}$ [1]. Although the IVGQR has studied with several probes and the resonance energy has been discussed, no clear discrimination between the two formulae has been made.

Photo-nucleon emission reactions and their inverse, the radiative capture reactions, have the advantage due to the inherent selectivity of the photon. By measuring the forward-backward asymmetry in angular distribution of reaction products, caused by the interference between reaction amplitudes of opposite parity, one can detect small amounts of E2 (even-parity) strength in the presence of a large amount of E1 (odd-parity) strength.

We have carried out the $^{13}\text{C}(\gamma, n)$ experiment in an excitation energy range of $E_x = 16 \sim 69$ MeV by using the tagged photon facilities at the Laboratory of Nuclear Science, Tohoku University. Neutrons following the $^{13}\text{C}(\gamma, n)$ reaction were measured by newly developed large-volume liquid-scintillation detectors [2] which were placed at $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 55^\circ, 90^\circ$ and 125° and at the flight path of 2.5 m. Veto detectors for charged particles are set in front of each neutron detector. Cross sections for the transitions leaving the residual ^{12}C in its $T = 0$ ($E_x = 0.0$ and 4.4 MeV) and $T = 1$ ($E_x = 15.1$ MeV) states were measured separately. The asymmetry (A), defined as

$$A = \frac{[(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{55^\circ} - (d\sigma/d\Omega)_{125^\circ}]}{[(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{55^\circ} + (d\sigma/d\Omega)_{125^\circ}]}, \quad (1)$$

are obtained and shown in Fig.1.

The calculations of the asymmetries have been made using the direct-semidirect model (DSD) [3], and compared with the data. A computer code HIKARI, which has been developed by Kitazawa [4], was used for the calculations. In order to reproduce the large positive asymmetry, the IVGQR was included and its resonance energy (E_R), width (Γ), and fraction of the isovector E2 non-energy weighted sum rule (η) were taken to be $E_R = 30.9 \pm 1.5$ MeV, $\Gamma = 8 \pm 6$ MeV, and $\eta = 0.3 \pm 0.1$ for the transition to $T=0$ states, where only $T_<$ part of the resonances can contribute. For the transition to near the 15.1 MeV excited states of ^{12}C , the decay from both $T_<$ and $T_>$ are allowed. The $T_>$ part of the IVGQR were determined as $E_R = 43.2 \pm 1.8$ MeV, $\Gamma = 13 \pm 6$ MeV, and $\eta = 0.6 \pm 0.2$. Weighted average value E_R for the IVGQR on ^{13}C are obtained as $E_R = 39.1 \pm 1.7$ MeV. This supports the systematics of $E_R = 57A^{-1/6} = 37$ MeV, as one can see in Fig.2.

There are only a few of theoretical works concerning with the isospin splitting of IVGQR. Using the schematic model, Kawazoe and Tsukamoto suggested the isospin splitting of the IVGQR as,

$$E_{T+1} - E_T \simeq \frac{T+1}{A} \left(V_1 - \frac{32.0 \text{ [MeV]}}{A^{1/3}} \right), \quad (2)$$

where V_1 is the depth of the Lane potential, $V_1 \simeq 100 \text{ MeV}$ [5]. The splitting for ^{13}C is expected to be 10 MeV, and can reproduce our results, $E_{T+1} - E_T = 12.3 \pm 2.3 \text{ MeV}$, within the error.

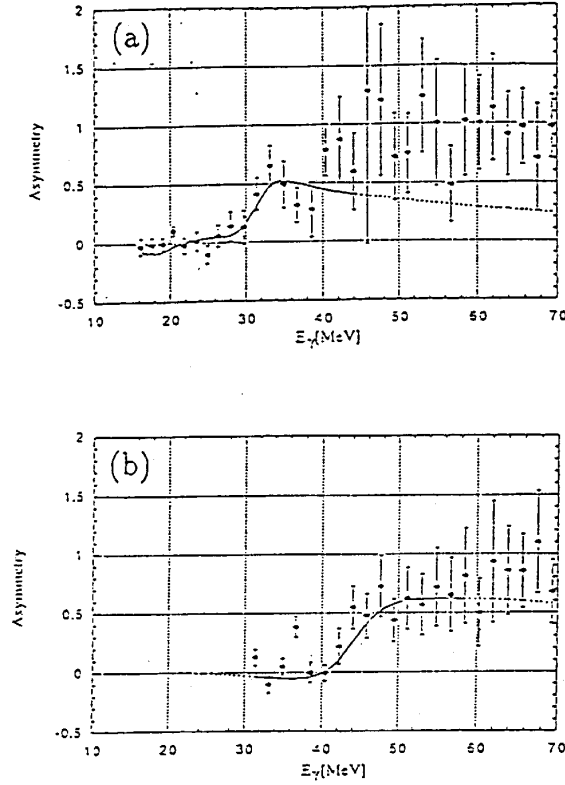


Fig.1 The asymmetries for (a) $T = 0$, and (b) $T = 1$ residual states. Curves are DSD calculations.

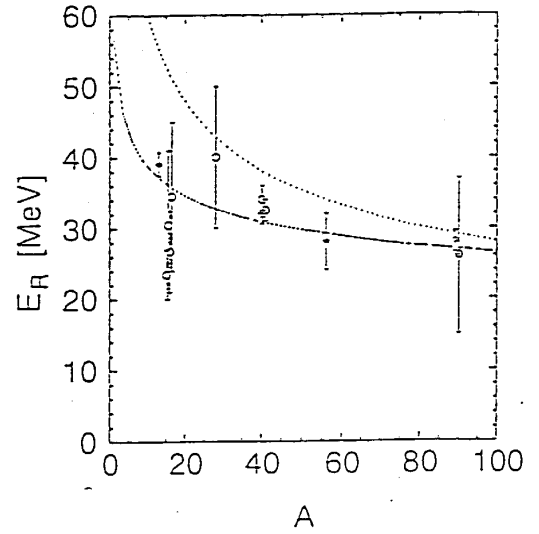


Fig.2 The mass dependence of excitation energies of IVGQR. Solid circles represent our results including ^{56}Fe , and open circles represent previous data. Solid curve represents $E_R = 57A^{-1/6}$, and dotted curve represents $E_R = 130A^{-1/3}$.

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